

**DODGE COUNTY  
LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
December 6, 2013**

**Call to order:** Meeting was called to order by Chair, MaryAnn Miller, at 8:00 a.m.; a quorum was established with the following members present:

MaryAnn Miller  
Aaron David  
Darrell Pollesch  
Ernest Borchardt  
(Excused – James Layman – not present)

**Also Present:** John Storck, Circuit Court Judge; Joseph Sciascia, Circuit Court Judge; Brian Pfitzinger, Circuit Court Judge; Michelle Kenning, Chief Deputy Clerk of Courts; Kurt Klomberg, District Attorney; Patricia Ninmann, Dodge County Sheriff; Scott Smith, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Department; Patrick Schoebel, Medical Examiner; Steven Seim, Family Court Commissioner; Barb Brandt, Br. 4 Judicial Assistant.

Miller certifies compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

**Approval of Agenda and Allow for Deviation:** Motion made by David to approve Agenda and to allow for deviation; second by Pollesch. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by David to approve Minutes of October 3, 2013; second by Pollesch. Motion carried.

**Communications:** None

**Circuit Court/Judge's Report:** Judge Storck reported that the security upgrades for the front station in the courthouse will be completed next week. The work will be done after hours.

The Courthouse meeting for the month of December had a presentation on security procedures and this will continue to be a subject to be reviewed.

Gina Steinke will be the new administrative assistant. This is a combination position, 40% for Family Court Counseling, 20% for Family Court and 40% as a Branch 2 Judicial Assistant.

There is currently a conflict in dates for the February Security meeting and Judge Storck will coordinate a new date, looking at possibly the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in February. Right now there is a District Judge's meeting on the date for the security meeting.

Further security measures that have been implemented are new microphone stands purchased for all the courtrooms and bailiffs will have a duress alarm to carry. As of today all knives will not be permitted in the Courthouse.

Judge Sciascia invited the committee members to stop by for a cake in celebration of Forest Fossler's Medal of Honor.

Judge Storck reported that Judges Pfitzinger and Bauer are currently up for reelection with their terms expiring on July 31, 2014.

Judge Pfitzinger is putting together an Explorer Organization. The meetings will take place on the first Monday of the month at the Sheriff's Department. They will be involved in having a trial with Sheriff Department Explorers acting as law enforcement and witnesses. This is a way to educate youth so that they can see what we do.

**Clerk of Courts Report:** Michelle Kenning reported that Linda Hafenstein's last day is today, after working for the County for 39 years. There is a new receptionist and a new deputy clerk will start next Monday. Lynn Hron stopped in for a short time last week and it will still be awhile before she is back from her medical leave.

**Child Support Report:** None

**District Attorney Report:** DA Klomberg reported that Thanksgiving was a big weekend with 10 on the jail list. Other charges are expected to be filed, but he does not anticipate any disruption of services.

Criminal efilng will start next week with Branch 2 going paperless for all criminal files. Training is expected to take place on December 11.

**Medical Examiner Report:** The resolution previously on the agenda is withdrawn. It is expected that fees will be increased slightly. The caseload continues to increase, with a large increase in autopsies over the last month. This will have an impact on the budget and ME Schoebel expects to go over budget. Drugs are causing a major problem and this is affecting other costs to the community. This is not just a Dodge County problem.

**Sheriff Department Report:** Sheriff Ninmann reported that progress continues to be made with the interface with the New World program.

Regarding training updates, there will be a breech point training involving 50 employees on December 18. In January, the Sheriff will be going to SWAT commander training at the Dane County Training Center.

There are currently 3 openings for the patrol division with 29 applicants and 3 openings in the Jail with 12 applicants. The Department will be reviewing the hiring process and will be requesting to meet with HR for discussion. There is concern that the County is not getting as many applicants for any open positions because of the new wage scale in place.

Shop with Cops is December 14 at Bayside Supper Club.

Vehicles no longer in use will be sold through the Wisconsin Surplus Auction. Doug Ninmann will be taking care of putting these on the site in a volunteer capacity.

The Department will be training other agencies in New World and there is additional training scheduled for officers in December. The Courts will not have any effect from this conversion to New World.

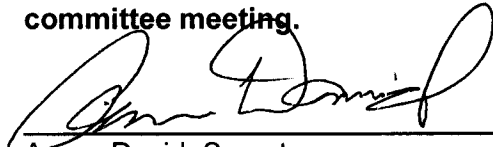
The Sheriff, DA Klomberg and Michelle Kenning informed the Committee on the electronic methods currently being used within the Court system.

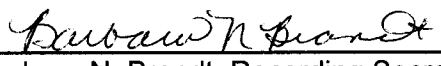
**Other business:** Next meeting will include information sharing on Program Collaborations presented by Janet Wimmer, Director of Human Services and Health Department.

**Next Meeting:** Friday, January 3, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Pollesch to adjourn meeting; second by Borchardt. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m..

**Disclaimer:** The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

  
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Aaron David, Secretary

  
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Barbara N. Brandt, Recording Secretary